## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is

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the specification	of which						
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I hereby	state that I h	ave reviewed	and understand the cor	ntents of the	above		
identified specifi	cation, incl	uding the clain	ns, as amended by any	amendmen	t referred to		
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I acknow	ledge the di	uty to disclose	information which is r	naterial to th	ne		
examination of t	his applicat	ion in accordar	nce with Title 37, Code	e of Federal	Regulations		
§1,56(a).							
I hereby	claim foreig	gn priority bene	efits under Title 35, Ur	nited States	Code, §119		
of any foreign ap	oplication(s)	) for patent or i	inventor's certificate li	sted below	and have also		
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date before that	of the applic	cation on whic	h priority is claimed:	N/A.			
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: N/A

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1,56(a).which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: N/A

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I do hereby appoint Paul M. Denk, Patent Office registration No. 22,598, with offices at 763 South New Ballas Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63141, Tel. No. (314) 872-8136, as my attorney and agent with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application above set forth, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

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